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and
Admiral Robert B. Carney
Chief of Naval Operations
Department of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mick:

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In further reference to your letter of 20 September and my reply of 1 October regarding [redacted] USN Retired, I want you to know that I have looked into the matter thoroughly.

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Frankly, it is very difficult to place a person of Admiral [redacted] outstanding qualifications. The type of position for which he is suited, and in which he would be happy, is quite rare. The few positions we have which meet these qualifications are occupied, and therefore I have written to Admiral [redacted] today, explaining the situation to him. A copy of my letter is attached.

I am deeply grateful for your thought of us in this connection and sincerely regret that our action cannot be more favorable at this time.

Faithfully,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

You will recall that late in September, Admiral Carney wrote you (Tab A) regarding [redacted] USN Retired, and you replied (Tab B) on 1 October that we would "explore all possibilities".

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went to see Admiral [redacted] and found him interested in the possibility of working for CIA, but not too knowledgeable of our activities (Tab C).

A copy of his curriculum vitae is attached (Tab D) and underlined in red are those matters which seem appropriate to certain types of work for the Agency.

Recommend you sign the attached two letters which regret that we do not have a suitable position.

[redacted]
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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

20 September 1954

My dear Allen:

When I was on the West Coast last week, I ran into Vice [redacted] (Retired), a classmate of mine who presently is living in California.

[redacted] asked me what the chances were for possibly securing some connection with CIA; he undoubtedly had in mind the job that [redacted] is doing for you. I told him that I had no idea, myself, but that I would most certainly contact you on my return to Washington.

[redacted] throughout his entire active career, was considered one of the outstanding people in my class. He was a most successful officer in command at sea, he is highly qualified in technical matters, and commanded the [redacted] and his qualities of tact and diplomacy were recognized when he was assigned as the [redacted]. He is not only a man of eminently sound judgement, with ability in the executive and administrative fields, but he is also a very sophisticated and intuitive gentleman who is completely self-possessed and at home in any surroundings. Furthermore, he has been aided and abetted in life with a wife who has always enjoyed a most enviable position in any community where they have served. She, too, more than knows her way about and adds importantly to the effectiveness of the [redacted] establishment.

[redacted] was retired for physical reasons - high blood pressure. He tells me that recently, however, as a result of very effective medication, that his blood pressure is now in the area which is quite normal for blokes our age and that he is ready and quite able to do a job (I had an opportunity to personally watch him getting around on a very delightful day of dove shooting and it was quite obvious to me - even though I am a layman - that there can't be much wrong with him in view of his performance).

If you should be in the market for a mature, thoroughly forceful and competent and cultured gentleman in your business, you would be making no mistake to give serious consideration to [redacted] as a candidate.

Sincerely,
Robert B. Carney

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Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mike:

Many thanks for your letter of September 20 suggesting Vice [redacted] USN Retired, as someone who could make a valuable contribution to the work of CIA. From the background sketch you gave me, he seems to have eminent qualifications, and, like everyone else, I am always interested in such men. Our problem here, of course, is finding a job for a man of his seniority.

I want, however, to explore all possibilities; therefore, I am having my people [redacted] get in touch with him.

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Thank you for bringing [redacted] name to my attention. I will keep you advised of the results.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles

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